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Dowagiac Eagles hosts drive for child battling leukemia

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

DOWAGIAC – Dozens of friends, family and even strangers turned out last Saturday for a bone marrow registry event to benefit four year-old Kataleya Steward of Niles. Little Kataleya suffers from a rare kind of anemia and needs a bone marrow transplant to fight off leukemia.

Steward

The event was sponsored by the DKMS organization which is the largest bone marrow registry organization of its kind in the world. Kataleya's grandmother, Tammy Russell, contacted DKMS earlier this year and hosted the registry event at the Dowagiac Eagles Lodge.

Russell searched online for what she could find to help her granddaughter and discovered the DKMS organization. "I gave them the information online and they called me the next day to set up the drive," she said.

Russell plans to continue her efforts with a virtual bone marrow drive as well as one at the Cass County Fair this summer.

Hershberger and Kataleya's mother, Tiffany Hershberger, describe Kataleya as an energetic little girl who's a little smaller than others her age. She's bright, loving and imaginative and continues to inspire those around her. She currently attends the Berrien County hearing impaired program at Sylvester Elementary in Berrien Springs.

Kataleya was born with Fanconi anemia and a condition called myelodysplastic syndrome which can lead to bone marrow failure and cancer.

Hershberger said they knew something was wrong when she was pregnant with the baby ended up being born with one ear not fully formed, a thumb not attached right and some kidney problems. While the little girl had been doing well, the most recent tests found abnormalities with the

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From left: Paternal grandmother Channell Amigon of Niles, maternal grandmother Tammy Russell and mother Tiffany Hershberger.

PAGEANT ROYALTY

Buchanan, Dowagiac students named to 2025 Miss Blossomtime Court

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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BENTON HARBOR — A pair of local students earned the honor of representing their communities on the 2025 Miss Blossomtime Court.

Malayna Klug, who was crowned Miss Eau Claire/Sodus 2025 last November, was named 2025 Miss Blossomtime Second Runner-Up Monday at The Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor. Chloe Aalfs, who was crowned Miss Buchanan 2025 in December, was crowned 2025 Miss Congeniality Established in 1906, Blossomtime is Michigan's oldest and largest multi-community festival.

Klug was crowned Little Miss Eau Claire in 2017 and Miss Miss Eau Claire Teen in 2022. Her sister, Mya, was crowned Miss Miss Eau Claire Teen 2025. Miss Bridgman Ava Starbuck was crowned Miss Blossomtime 2025.

Klug is Dowagiac's Senior Class Representative and is involved in a variety of school organizations including National

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Miss Buchanan Chloe Aalfs (first row, far left) and Miss Eau Claire/Sodus Malayna Klug were crowned Miss Congeniality and Miss Blossomtime Second Runner-up Monday. Mr. Niles Rowan Iwaniuk (Back row, second from right) was crowned Mr. Blossomtime Second Runner-up.

Buchanan city commissioners discuss projects, storm damage

By DEBRA HAIGHT
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BUCHANAN – Buchanan City Commissioners tackled a number of subjects at their meeting Monday, ranging from the current infrastructure work and other current projects to a new National Register of Historic Places designation and bringing back the Downtown Development Authority.

Monday's meeting began with a presentation by State Rep. Brad Paquette on the trail extension project which was kicked off with a groundbreaking ceremony March 10. Paquette presented a plaque signed by himself, State Sen. Jonathan Lindsey, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist to the city.

Paquette praised the efforts of local elected officials as well as the Friends of McCoy Creek Trail organization in successfully getting the funding to extend the trail out from the city of Buchanan to the River St. Joe Brewery.

"This project embodies the shared vision and determination of Buchanan leaders," he said. "… This is another step toward connecting the McCoy Creek Trail to the Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail."

Friends of the Trail president Jerry Flenar spoke next, thanking Community Development Director Rich Murphy, DPW Director Mike Baker, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission planner Marcy Hamilton and representatives from Wightman & Associates. He also thanked Mona Livingston of American Electric Power for AEP's donation to the project.

Local historian Peter Lysy also made a presentation to the city, noting that the Buchanan City Hall building has recently been named to the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Clark Equipment National Register Historic District.

"A building doesn't have to be old to be a contributing resource to the district," he said. "Without this building, the district would be diminished."

Lysy reported that the city hall building was constructed in 1966 and was part of the Clark administrative complex at a time when it was one of the 200 largest industrial companies in the United States.

Mayor Mark Weedon read proclamations honoring the addition of the city hall building to the National Register as well as honoring AEP for their response to the March 30 storms that swept through the area and hit Buchanan especially hard with trees down and people left without power.

"AEP responded with urgency to restore power in a remarkably short period of time," Weedon said. "We want to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for their swift response. I've never seen a response time so swift."

In reports, Murphy updated everyone on the projects going on in the city at present. "A lot is going on in Buchanan right now," he said. "… This is all part of investing in the quality of life here. It's like ripping a band aid off right

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Interim SMC president weighs in on concerns shared in petition

By DEBRA HAIGHT
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DOWAGIAC – A Change.org petition has been created that calls for a nationwide search be conducted to find the next Southwestern Michigan College president and is opposed to hiring SMC Senior Vice President Brent Brewer as the new president.

Current SMC President Dr. Joseph Odenwald announced his resignation earlier this year to take the presidency position at Alma College. He will leave SMC in early May and take over at Alma June 1. The SMC Board of Trustees announced in February that they were appointing Brewer as interim president effective May 11.

Brewer

Brewer, who is also the college's Chief Strategy Officer, has worked for over 16 years at the college. He earned an Associate in Arts from SMC, then a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management and a Master of Business Administration from Bethel University in Mishawaka, Indiana.

Brewer joined SMC and has served as Director of Enrollment Management, Community Outreach Coordinator, Director of Niles Campus, Associate Vice President for the Niles Campus, Chief of Staff, Vice President of Enrollment Management and Campus Life and Special Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives.

In appointing Brewer to the presidency on an interim basis, board members said in February that they would be continuing discussions on how to fill the post on a permanent basis.

The Change.org petition was established Wednesday by a group called Citizens Opposed to Appointing Brent Brewer as President of Southwestern Michigan College. A press release from the group indicated that the petition is available for persons in objection to his appointment to sign and share with others.

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Where are all of the leaf rakers? Make a little extra cash and help a senior.

I think the downtown Node in Niles is going to be a lot of fun. I'm glad we finally made this happen.

Attention local businesses: lots of high school graduating seniors are looking for work. Get the word out. They need internships, summer work and long-term opportunities.

As Easter is upon us, share your blessings with those less fortunate. Kindness goes a long way in helping someone get through the day.

Start your morning off with a smile and a kind word. It makes the whole day better.

I pray our President knows what he is doing. I don't like seeing my retirement savings shrinking.

Wall Street does not like the chaos President Trump is playing. He has surrounded himself with idiots who have no clue what they are doing.

Winters are tough, but wow, when Michigan hits those first few days in the 70's there is nowhere else I'd rather be. Watching our flowers explode and the regeneration of our environment is very therapeutic.

Easter is upon us; a good time for reflection. Ask yourself are you full of rage, anger, hatred & spite? Remember Jesus didn't lead you here, you have been led by the other.

Now I see why Donald Trump's companies filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy 6 times!

How far does the stock market have to fall before someone finally tells the Emperor it's time to put on some clothes?

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DOWAGIAC MOOSE LODGE HOSTS LOCAL ROBOTICS TEAMS

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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DOWAGIAC — The Dowagiac Moose Lodge 933 recently hosted two Robo Tech Zone Teams at their lodge at 54867 M 51 N., Dowagiac

High School team Say Hello To My Little Friend and middle school team Ting Tang Walla Walla Bing Bang showcased their robots, awards and achievements. The presentation included a robot demo with drivers chosen from the audience. Daryl Keesler, new President of the Dowagiac Moose, took the controller to rev up the robot and show off his famous Demolition Derby skills.

This event was presented in hopes of securing Sponsorships for RoboTZ heading to the Vex World Championship this May.

Readers interested in making a tax deductible donation to this incredible team are asked to visit RoboTechZone.org and click "donate" or make checks payable directly to the non profit organization Robo Tech Zone.

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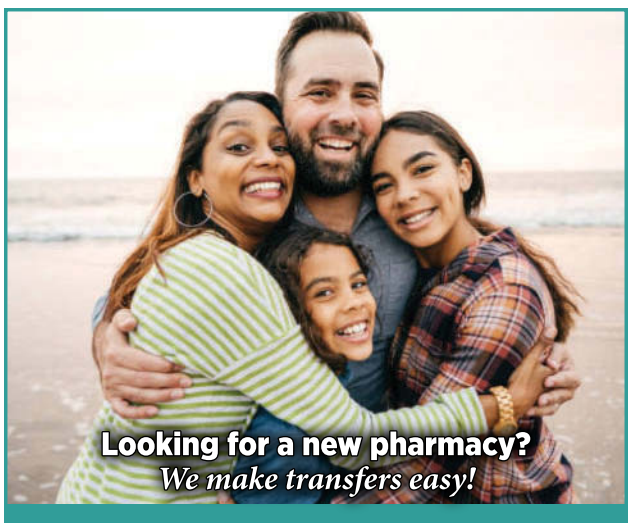

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SMC inks social work agreement with WMU

COMMUNITY REPORT

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DOWAGIAC — Southwestern Michigan College and Western Michigan University signed a social work articulation agreement April 7 formalizing a longstanding informal partnership.

The agreement signed by retiring SMC Dean of Arts and Sciences Dr. Keith Howell and WMU Dean of the College of Health and Human Services Dr. Lillian Smith takes effect immediately.

"It's a really great clear pathway for students," WMU Director of Academic and Student Services Nancy E. Cretsinger said. "Students get such a strong beginning here at Southwestern Michigan College. You've always been a great partner — earlier, in health sciences and education. I'm thrilled we can offer this to students."

"The transfer agreement will be extremely beneficial to our students," agreed SMC Social Sciences Department Chair Dr. Barbara Karwacinski. "They can complete their A.A.S. in social work at SMC, transfer all their credits to WMU, finish their bachelor's degree in two years, then complete their Master of Social Work degree in just 10 months on an accelerated track."

Western's College of Health and Human Services is like a sun orbited by Community and Public Health Sciences (Addiction Studies, Holistic Health Studies, Public Health and Social Work), Healthcare Sciences (Health Administration, Healthcare Services and Sciences, Nursing and Physician Assistant) and Therapeutic and Rehabilitation Sciences (Blindness and Low Vision Studies, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences).

WMU has been educating social workers since the 1940s, established its own school in 1969, has more than 600 field-placement partnerships and offers study-abroad opportunities in places such as Guatemala, India and Puerto Rico.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of social workers is projected to grow by 7 percent from 2023 to 2033, which is faster than the average for all occupations. Approximately 67,300 openings for social workers are projected each year, on average, over the next decade.

There are more clinically-trained social workers employed in mental health services in the United States than there are psychiatrists, psychologists and psychiatric nurses combined.

SMC Professor of Social Sciences Christi Young, who is working on her doctorate in instructional systems technology through Indiana University, like many students started as a psychology major before gravitating toward social work.

Young, a Western graduate, said the seeds for the articulation agreement were planted when SMC program representatives attended meetings about the 2014 Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA), which is designed to help students move credits from community colleges to a four-year college or university.

To fulfill MTA requirements, a student must successfully complete at least 30 credits in six defined areas with a grade of 2.0 (or C) or higher in each course.

"A formal agreement takes the guesswork out because courses transfer seamlessly," said Young, department chair prior to Karwacinski.

"We set up our social work and psychology classes to be pretty much identical the first two semesters," Young said.

SMC criminal justice sweeps Skills USA-Michigan again

COMMUNITY REPORT

DOWAGIAC — Southwestern Michigan College's criminal justice students returned from the 2025 Skills USA-MI Skills and Leadership Conference April 11-13 in Grand Rapids with two gold medals, one silver medal and one bronze medal.

In the Criminal Justice competition, Kaden Sandora won gold, Graciana Smith won silver and Walker Karafa won bronze.

In the Crime Scene Investigation competition, the team of Tia Cornelieus, Levi Morey and Ayshia Smith brought home the gold medal.

SMC's medalists represent a good cross-section of the possibilities criminal justice offers, from a prospective state trooper and aspiring attorney to two interested in being conservation officers.

"I want to work in the courts more than corrections, policing or investigating," said Smith, "but this will make me a more well-rounded attorney. The law is nuanced. I like how it's not black-and-white, with little intricacies within the law. There's so much critical thinking and storytelling involved, like journalism. The Constitution stays the same, but the law is malleable, always evolving. I like that we have an adversarial system as opposed to an inquisitorial system."

Smith interned at Whirlpool with the in-house counsel last summer and was surprised to learn that "a lot of them in the corporate legal department were English majors.

"This summer I'll be working as a paid attorney's assistant filing paperwork, answering phone calls and dropping stuff off at the courthouse for a law firm with offices in St. Joseph and Niles."

Smith, who lives in Eau Claire and attended Niles High School, graduates from SMC this spring, then continues through Ferris State University this fall for her bachelor's degree.

Graciana Smith is a Ferris State senior graduating in December from the criminal justice program. She was dual-enrolled in high school, so cruised quickly through SMC.

"I want to be a conservation officer," Smith said. "I'm going to go to the state police academy, become a state police officer, then move laterally."

She is from Niles, but graduated from Edwardsburg High School.

"I grew up always outside, in nature, so I want to be able to protect that," Smith said.

Sandora, a Dowagiac graduate and 2024 bronze medalist, wants to be an MSP trooper.

"Right now I work for the Michigan State Police as a cadet through the Niles post," he said. "In January, I'll go to the five-month academy. I was always that little kid who wanted to be a cop and it evolved from that to actually doing it."

Karafa, a dual-enrolled Edwardsburg student from Niles, also wants to pursue becoming a conservation officer.

"I'll be transferring to Northern Michigan University" from SMC, Karafa said, "for a bachelor's in fisheries and wildlife management for a career with the DNR (Department of Natural Resources)."

The Michigan Conservation Officer Academy is a 23-week training program in Roscommon that prepares new conservation officers for law-enforcement careers.

"I grew up hunting and fishing all over Cass and Berrien," Karafa said. "My dad always told me it's a job protecting something that can't protect itself. We can't gain back anything that's lost."

"I'm happy the college gave us this opportunity," Karafa said. "I feel like I gained a lot of experience and respect for the field. I went in there with the mindset of wanting to learn from this. Critique me. What could I do better in this situation? I learned so much I'm happy I went through the experience."

Criminal Justice involved individual competition

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Mobile food processing lab.

SMC gets 'grassroots' preview of World Cup soccer sod

COMMUNITY REPORT

Dr. Jack Guevara

DOWAGIAC — A Michigan State University research associate attended Southwestern Michigan College's "Ag Day" April 10 to provide a grassroots sneak preview of next year's FIFA World Cup soccer tournament across North America.

Dr. Jack Guevara, who is originally from the Philippines, outlined extensive turfgrass research done with the University of Tennessee-Knoxville to develop perfect sod playing surfaces across 16 host cities in Canada, the United States and Mexico.

The tournament June 11-July 19, 2026 — the first in North America since 1994 — involves 48 teams playing 104 matches on open-air grass pitches and in domed stadiums alike.

Brazil won the '94 cup played at nine U.S. venues, including the Pontiac Silverdome. The closest location in 2026 is Toronto.

Researchers have been developing innovative sod systems for the range of climates from Vancouver south to Mexico City, whose high altitude moderates summer temperatures to the high-70s.

Last summer, Guevara and two other MSU Turfgrass graduate students under the direction of Dr. Trey Rogers presented their work on the development of a shallow turfgrass profile – a temporary natural field system – at the International Sports Engineering Association conference in the United Kingdom.

Researchers explored methods for growing sod on plastic and a hybrid natural grass and synthetic turf system, which can be rolled up and moved for use in different locations.

Rigorous testing is being conducted to insure that the developed sod systems provide consistent and comparable performance for players and balls.

"We're dealing with 16 stadiums, each with its own unique challenges. The variety of demands and the need for uniformity and consistency make this project both interesting and challenging," Guevara said.

Five stadiums are domed, with artificial turf fields over a hard, impermeable surface.

"FIFA mandated that all games be played on natural turfgrass, so we needed to find a way to temporarily convert stadiums with artificial fields to meet that requirement."

"For each of the 16 stadiums, there will be two training facilities and two fields, a base camp for each team and one base camp for the referees," Guevara explained.

Tackling the question, "How can we grow sod faster?" they placed plastic overlaid with sandy soil, which allows sod to reach two inches in thickness as the intertwining roots develop a tight mat of rhizomes to firm up the surface for a sturdy base.

They employ specialized equipment, such as a sod stitching machine.

Different types of turf grass thrive in hot, humid, climates or in less intense northern summer weather.

"Out of the 104 games, 39 will be in domed stadiums," Guevara said.

MSU also parked its Mobile Food Processing Lab beside the SMC Student Activities Center, mirroring what students see in the industry once they graduate with a two-year food technology and safety certificate or a food science baccalaureate degree.

Food science applies chemistry, microbiology, food engineering and nutrition to develop new food products and to improve food safety and quality.

The semi trailer toured by Cassopolis FFA students contains canning equipment and a pressure cooker.

Retort food processing is a thermal technique used to preserve food by heating sealed containers to high temperatures, achieving commercial sterility and extending shelf life. This process eliminates harmful microorganisms.

MSU has its own on-campus fruit and vegetable plant in East Lansing.

Beneath the floor are three freshwater tanks holding about 500 gallons if the mobile lab needs to "go off the grid" at a farm.

SMC offers agricultural operations in partnership with MSU's Institute of Agricultural Technology, coordinated on the Dowagiac campus by Dr. Thomas O. Green.

Three charged in Benton Harbor-Buchanan basketball game incident

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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CASSOPOLIS — Charges have been filed against three individuals – including one minor – involved in an incident during a state playoff basketball game between Benton Harbor and Buchanan back in February, according to the Cass County Prosecutor's Office.

Berrien County residents Devontae Jones, 28, and Vallen Johnson, 43, have been charged with assault and battery and disturbing the peace. The charges are 93 and 90-day misdemeanors respectively.

The Cass County District Court will set the above matters for arraignment at a future date.

One minor has also been charged with one misdemeanor count of assault and battery and one misdemeanor count of disturbing the peace. Since the juvenile resides outside Cass County, it is expected that the case will be transferred by the Cass County Juvenile Court to the appropriate Juvenile Court system for further processing and adjudication.

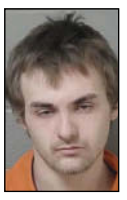
After the conclusion of the Benton Harbor-Buchanan district semi-final game, several objects were thrown toward a game official, including a basketball.

The incident took place following the conclusion of a district semifinal game between Benton Harbor and Buchanan where several objects were thrown toward a game official, including a basketball.

Man gets jail time in LaGrange Township shooting incident

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

CASSOPOLIS – A homeless man involved in a January shooting incident was sentenced to a year in jail Friday in Cass County Circuit Court.



Ward

Joseph Allen Ward, 21, pleaded guilty to felonious assault and tampering with evidence and was sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 97 days served. He must pay $2,176 in fines and costs.

The incident occurred Jan. 5 against a woman at a residence on O'Keefe Road in LaGrange Township. Ward and another man got into an altercation with the woman who was shot twice in the neck and shoulder.

Cass County Assistant Prosecutor Jason Ronning noted that Ward came close to facing a murder charge. "If the gun had gone off, she could have been killed," he said. "I'm a little concerned that he began to feel threatened so he grabbed a shotgun and handed it his co-defendant when he didn't know if it was loaded."

Ronning and defense attorney Robert Kardatzke both said that they had come to a plea agreement where Ward would serve a year in jail so that Ward could avoid a mandatory two year prison term for the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Kardatzke said that his client had no prior record and foolishly went along with the co-defendant in initiating the incident.

"The victim was shot in the neck and shoulder and she was taken to the hospital and later transported to Kalamazoo for surgery," Cass County Circuit Court Judge Mark Herman said. "You're lucky you're not going to prison for a long time. If she had died, you would be going to prison."

"You dropped out of school in the 11th grade and were using meth daily prior to this incident," the judge added. "The whole bunch of you need to get your heads screwed on right. You didn't like school, but would you rather spend the next year in school or jail?"

A Niles man was sentenced to probation and jail after collecting his fifth drunk driving conviction.

Aaron Carl Simrell, 44, of Sycamore Street in Niles, pleaded guilty to third offense drunk driving and was sentenced to three years probation, 30 days in jail with credit for five days served, $2,048 in fines and costs and $290 in restitution.

The incident occurred Sept. 28, 2024 on Beebe Road in Howard Township near Niles. Police were called to a residence where Simrell had gotten into a fight with others while drinking and watching a football game. He left before police arrived and they found him in his car on Beebe Road.

Simrell

Judge Herman reported that Simrell's blood alcohol level was .213, more than twice the legal limit. The judge noted that Simrell had gone to prison in 2020 for drunk driving after violating his probation.

"You were released from parole in 2022 and two years later you're back to drinking and driving," Judge Herman said. "It's also concerning that the incident resulted from you getting into a fight. You're no stranger to assaultive behavior, you're a mean drunk."

"Here you were also driving when your license was revoked," he added. "You don't think the law applies to you. I could somewhat understand if you were driving to the doctor or to work, but you just seem to drive whenever you want."

"How many times do you have to go to prison for drinking and driving to know you have to change your ways?" the judge asked. "You've been given chance after chance to change your ways and you continue to do as you please ... If you violate this probation one time, you will get 23 months in prison."

In other sentencings Friday:

• Floyd William Byrd, 63, of Center Street in Dowagiac, pleaded guilty to use of methamphetamine and was sentenced to 18 months probation, credit for 31 days served and $2,015 in fines and costs.

Byrd

The incident occurred Sept. 3, 2024 in Dowagiac. He also had his probation revoked from two previous 2021 probations and given credit for time served.

• Eric Dion Weiss, 53, of Indiana, had his felony drug conviction reduced to a misdemeanor use of methamphetamine conviction after successfully completing a delayed sentencing probation.

Weiss

The incident had occurred Oct. 25, 2022 in Edwardsburg. Weiss is currently facing charges in Elkhart where he is expected to get a probationary sentence including treatment.

PET OF THE WEEK

Baloo, 5, loves to cuddle and play. He gets along well with other cats and dogs and would make a welcome addition to any household. Although Baloo is FIV+, he'll live a full and happy life. With proper care, he can be among other cats and bring love and joy to his new family. He is neutered and current on shots. Contact Paws of Hope, adoptions@pawsofhope.org

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ADAM

I ORDERED A MEMORY SUPPLEMENT.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS.
IT'S CALLED "BRAIN DO BETTER".
BRAIN DO BETTER
THAT SOUNDS KIND OF SKETCHY, ADAM.
BUT IT'S ADVERTISED ON ALL THE BEST 3 A.M. PROGRAMS!
ADAM, STEP AWAY FROM THE SNAKE OIL.

ALLEY OOP

THIS IS THE COTTAGE YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO GO TO THE FIRST TIME.
IT LOOKS LOVELY.
JUST BE PREPARED.
DO YOUR WORST, YOU MEAN OLD HAG! I JUST LEARNED I'M INVINCIBLE!
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE. YOU'RE SAFE NOW. AND I MADE YOU SOME TEA.
I GUESS I'M NOT ... [SNIFF] ... EMOTIONALLY INVINCIBLE.

ARLO & JANIS

WHAT'S ALL THAT?
THERE'S MORE IN THE CAR!
YIKES!
IT'S BETTER TO HAVE IT AND NOT NEED IT"
YOU SIMPLY WILL NOT BELIEVE ME!
THE GROCERY CLERKS COULDN'T CARE LESS IF YOU BUY ONLY WINE!

BIG NATE

SO LONG, MR. ROLFE! GREAT CLASS!
WELL, WE DIDN'T GET A LOT DONE, I'M AFRAID...
BUT WE'LL REMEDY THAT TOMORROW!
WA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
SUUURRE WE WILL!
I LOVE HIS BOYISH ENTHUSIASM!

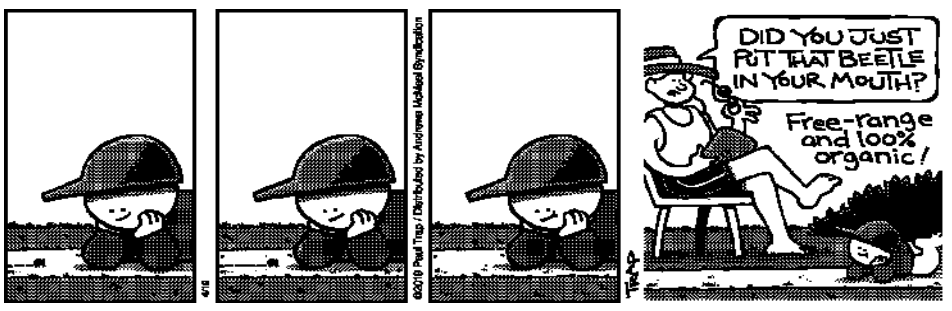
BORN LOSER

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TODAY IS, GLADYS?
NO, IS IT SOMETHING SPECIAL? DON'T KEEP ME IN SUSPENSE. TELL ME!
IT'S NATIONAL HUSBAND APPRECIATION DAY!
OH.

FRANK & ERNEST

GRIZZWELLS

THATABABY



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MODERATELY CONFUSED

DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO HIM... HE'S ALWAYS BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE.
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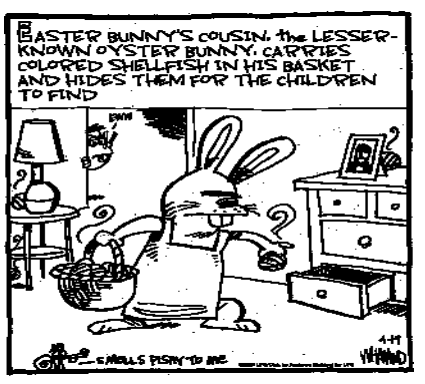
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SMELLS FISHY TO ME.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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4 Cornish game —
7 Titled woman
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12 Skin opening
13 Sufficient, to Shakespeare
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15 Therefore
16 Father
17 Sturdy
19 Delicious drink
21 Actress — Mirren
23 "The — Housewives of Beverly Hills"
24 Costly fur
26 Receptive
28 "Give it — —!"
29 — avis
31 Tiny branch
35 Where Cuzco is
37 Mischievous ones
39 Fish eggs
40 Nothing at all
42 Skirt shape (Hyph.)
44 Johann Sebastian —
46 "— — is an island ..."
48 Storage room
50 Ani
53 Fashion magazine
54 Initial stake
56 Actress — Tyler
57 Lamb's pen name
58 Touch
59 Compass pt.
60 Crystal gazer
61 Youngster
62 — of iniquity

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3 Next-door resident
4 Throng
5 Work unit
6 Gas that glows
7 Downward slope
8 Bryant or Baker
9 Ethical
10 Ornate jug
12 Kitchen gadget
18 Mousse
20 "... — I saw Elba"
22 Painter — Rockwell
24 Plant fluid
25 A vital statistic
27 Food for babies
30 Help
32 Creased
33 Free electron
34 "—, thanks!"
36 Cloudy
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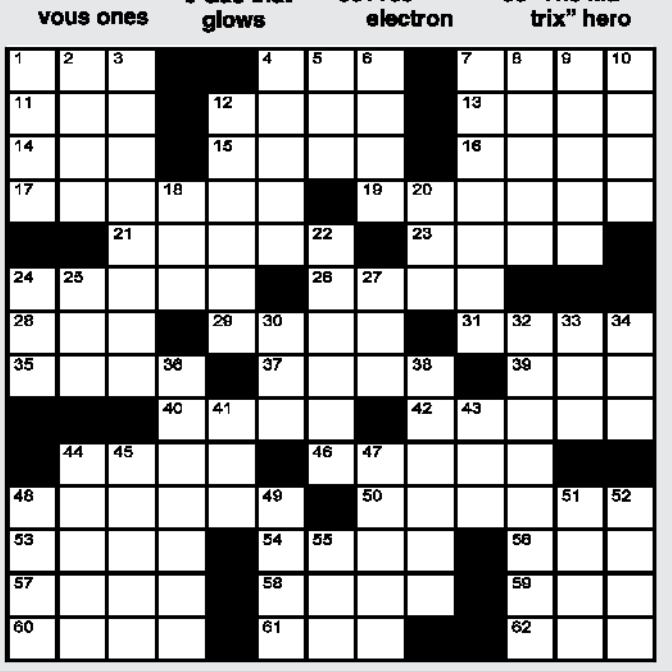

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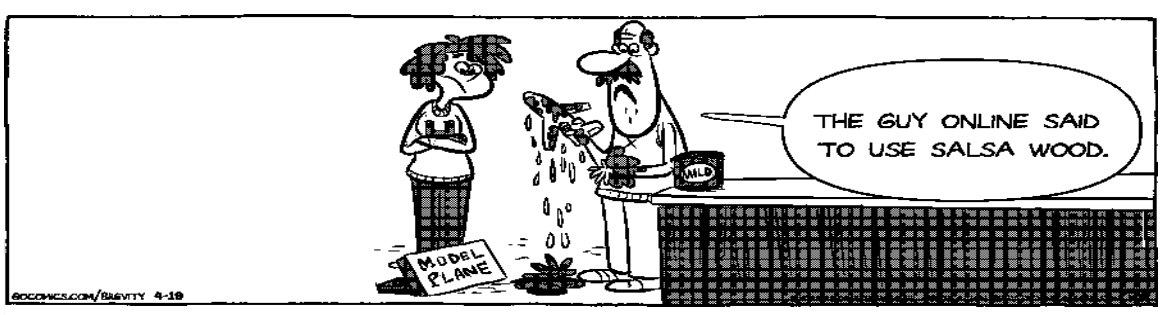

HEART OF THE CITY

DEATH NOTICES

Jared G. Baker, 81, passed away on Thursday, April 10, 2025, in Niles, Michigan. Visitation, April 23, 2025 at 5:00pm at Brown Funeral Home. Arrangements entrusted to Brown Funeral Home.

Andrew Franklin Sarratore, 85, passed away on Saturday, April 12, 2025, in Niles, Michigan. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Priscilla Gundel Kinney, 88, passed away on Saturday, April 12, 2025, in St. Joseph, Michigan. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Nicholas "Nick" Kaplunow Jr., passed away suddenly, Thursday April 10, 2025. Arrangements are being handled by Starks Funeral Homes, Clark Chapel. Please view obituary at: www.clarkch.com.

Richard "Rick" Bradley Ferris, 72, of Berrien Springs, passed away on Thursday, April 10, 2025, in Saint Joseph. Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Patricia Smith, 78, of Cassopolis, died Monday, April 14, 2025. Arrangements are pending at Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis.

Misty L. Rupchock, 44, of Dowagiac, died Sunday, April 13, 2025. Arrangements are pending at Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis.

Virginia Ardis Skibbe, 80, passed away on Monday, April 14, 2025 in Eau Claire, Michigan. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Bowerman Funeral Home.

Ramona Payne, 71, of Niles passed away on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Shari Lynn Fergison, 63, of Goshen, Indiana, passed away on April 15, 2025, in South Bend, Indiana. Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Marcile V. Williams, 82, of Cassopolis, died Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Arrangements are pending at Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis.

Linetta Smith, 76, of Niles, passed April 13, 2025. Funeral is April 25, 2025 at Noon at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church-Niles, visitation at 11am. Arrangements by Brown Funeral Home. www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com.

OBITUARIES

Donald Nicholas Mead Jr.

Donald Nicholas Mead Jr., passed away Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Don enjoyed woodworking, antique tractors, his 1966 Mustang, and especially spending time with his family. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. He served as a paratrooper with the 101st airborne division during the Vietnam War. For his military service, he received two Purple Hearts and was to receive a Bronze Star. Don will be deeply missed.

Don is lovingly remembered by his wife of 55 years, Jacqualine R. Mead; children Donald N. Mead III, Gretchen M. Mead, Hillary J. Mead, Heidi L. (Brian) Bedwell; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and one on the way; siblings Larry J. Mead, Loraine K. Payne; brothers- and sisters-in-law Jerry R. (Karol) Veit, JoAnne R. Painter, Judith R. (Russell) Brittain, John R. Veit, Jeffery R. (Julie) Veit, Joseph R. (Tina) Veit; and many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. He is preceded in death by siblings Virginia Schmidt, Rosemary Hoffman, Martha M. (Jim) O'Brien; brothers-in-law James R. Veit, Virgil Payne; sister-in-law, Carolyn Mead; and parents Donald N. Sr. and Elsie L. Elliott.

Per his wishes, cremation has taken place. Don will be laid to rest in the family plot at Union Cemetery, Blanchard, MI, with military honors at a later date. In memory of Don and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. The family welcomes memories and messages at www.kubiak-cookdorr.com in Don's online guestbook.

Lewis "Lew" Mudd

January 2, 1938
- April 11, 2025

Lewis "Lew" R. Mudd, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, and brother, passed away peacefully from natural causes on April 11, 2025, in Niles, Michigan, at the age of 87.

Born on January 2, 1938, in Bremen, Indiana, to the late William C. and Margaret Anna (Barone) Mudd, Lew was a man of exceptional character, known for his handy work, friendly demeanor, and kind heart.

Lew's early life in Bremen set the stage for a lifetime of devoted service and community involvement. At the age of 18, he answered the call of duty and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on February 29, 1956. His service to the country was marked by honor and dedication, and he received an honorable discharge three years later, carrying the values and discipline of the Marines throughout his life.

After his military service, Lew found his calling as a gifted builder, a career that occupied his hands and heart for many years. His work was not just a means to an end but a canvas upon which he left a legacy of craftsmanship and attention to detail. Beyond his professional life, Lew was deeply involved in his community. He was an active member of St. Mark Catholic Church in Niles, a brother in the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2094, a comrade at American Legion Post 51 in Buchanan, a Knight of Columbus with the Father Allouez Council #708 in Niles, and an AMVETS Post 1978 member.

On a cold January day in 1960, Lew married Phyllis A. Stucker in a ceremony filled with love and promise in Niles, Michigan. Their partnership was a testament to enduring love and mutual respect, and Phyllis remains to honor his memory. Lew was a family man through and through. He was the proud father of Anthony "Tony" Mudd of Reno, Nevada, Steven (Lori) Mudd, Brian (Kim) Mudd, William "Bill" Mudd, and Carol (Brian) Morris, all of Niles. His legacy continues through his ten grandchildren, one step-granddaughter, three great-grandchildren, and a step-great-granddaughter, all of whom he adored.

In addition to his parents, Lew was preceded in death by his brothers Michael and Phillip Mudd, and his sisters, Anna Margaret Pinkerton and Josephine Snook. However, his memory will be carried on by his brother, Duane "James" Mudd of Niles, his sister, Barbara (James) Mooney of Williamston, Michigan and many nieces, nephews, cousins, second cousins and special friends.

Lew's interests were as rich and varied as his life. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed shooting guns and bird hunting. He cherished time spent at the lake of his very dear friends, soaking in the serenity of nature. But above all, Lew was a family man who loved spending time with his loved ones. He took immense pleasure in watching his children and then his grandchildren and great-grandchildren participate in sports activities, always offering his support from the sidelines with a broad smile and encouraging words.

Described by those who knew him as handy, friendly, and kind, Lew's presence was a comfort and a pillar of strength to his family and friends. His ability to fix anything that was broken extended beyond the material, touching the lives of those he interacted with, leaving a lasting impact on the community he held so dear.

Memorial contributions may be made in Lew's memory to St. Mark's Catholic Church at 3 N. 19th Street, Niles, Michigan 49120 or to Tunnels to Towers Foundation at 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, New York, 10306 or Corewell Health Hospice at 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St, Mark Catholic Church in Niles on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 11:00 AM with a time of visitation one hour prior, officiated by Rev. Father Peter Rocca, C.S.C. and Brother Dennis Meyers, C.S.C. An interment will follow with Full Military Honors performed by the U.S. Marine Corps and American Legion Post 51 in Buchanan at Mission Hills Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com.

Betty B Tietjen

July 16, 1943
- April 13, 2025

Betty Bryce Tietjen, 81, died peacefully Sunday evening, April 13, 2025.

Her life began July 16, 1943 in Birmingham, Alabama, born to Henry and Pauline Bockelman. She married Leroy Henry Tietjen July 31, 1965 in Kansas City, Missouri. After fifty-two years of marriage, he preceded her in death in 2018.

Betty loved being a wife for 52 years. As those years passed, the memories of people and the five states lived in were shared. What a blessing to become a mom of two. During Jennifer and Matthew's elementary years, being family 24/7 was unique. Becoming a grandma was special, especially sharing the classroom with Rhylee for three years. Betty was able to share Jesus' love with little people for twenty-seven years as a Lutheran teacher and served as a Commissioned Minister in schools of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Betty will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by one daughter, Jennifer Tietjen of Miller, Indiana; one son, Matthew Tietjen of Cassopolis; one granddaughter, Rhylee Beshears of Hobart, Indiana; one sister, Brenda Justice of Raytown, Missouri; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother, Byron Bockelman and son-in-law, Matthew Smith.

Family and friends will gather on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in St. Paul Lutheran Church, 305 West State Street, Cassopolis, Michigan 49031.

Betty will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband in Crane Cemetery in Volinia Township.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Betty be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or Open Arms Child Development Center, 305 West State Street, Cassopolis, Michigan 49031.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Warren R. Davis

November 8, 1943
- April 9, 2025

Warren Ross Davis, 81, of Elkhart, formerly of Jones, entered into eternal rest peacefully Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

His life began November 8, 1943 in Chicago, Illinois, the youngest of four children born to Alexander and Johanna (Richter) Davis.

Following high school, Warren answered the call to serve his country by joining the Army National Guard. He enjoyed a long career in the LP gas industry, retiring from the State of Michigan. Warren enjoyed playing cards, reading, watching the History Channel and cheering on the Michigan Wolverines. He loved animals, especially his dogs Tucker and Bailey.

Warren married Rita Kay Davis in 1966. After thirty years of marriage, she preceded him in death in 1996. He then married Jeanne Mead September 9, 1999. After less than two years of marriage she died tragically in 2001.

Warren will be greatly missed by family and friends. He leaves to carry on his memory and his legacy, two daughters, Donna (David) Kling of Osceola, Dawn (Jim Johnson) Dennis of Goshen; one granddaughter, Jenna (Joshua Fairchild) Early of Mishawaka of whom he spoke with great pride; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and his wives, he was preceded in death by his two sisters, Barbara Burton, Joan Haines and one brother, Robert Davis.

The family will observe a private remembrance.

The family prefers contributions in Warren's name to go to, Elkhart County Humane Society 54687 Co Rd 19, Bristol, IN 46507

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

David F. Hirsch

April 23, 1942
- April 11, 2025

David Francis Hirsch, age 82 years of Niles, Michigan; husband, father, brother, professional truck driver, sports fan, and honorable veteran died peacefully on Friday morning, April 11, 2025 with his wife by his bedside at the Chalet of Niles following a brief illness.

He was born on April 23, 1942 in Saint Louis, Missouri to Louis H. and Audrey A. (Neunuebel) Hirsch. He graduated from a local high school, and continued his education at the University of Missouri - "Mizzou" - studying mathematics. He enlisted in the United States Air Force, was assigned to the 921st Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, spending most of his tour of duty at Saint Anthony Air Station on the far eastern shore of Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. He was Honorably Discharged as a Veteran of the Vietnam Era, and transferred to the Air Force Reserve to complete his 6 year obligation.

David joined the United Auto Workers Local #136 in Fenton, Missouri representing the workers at the Chrysler Saint Louis Assembly Center. He later joined the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 600, and began his career as a professional over-the-road truck driver. He owned and operated his truck which he leased to Clark Transfer, to pull Clark's 53 foot customized trailers, carrying Broadway shows throughout the United States. He moved some of the greatest shows including "Phantom", "Lion King", and "BLAST!", backing-up to stage doors, and retiring to his "super sleeper" to sleep while the show performed. He once took a production from a theater in Boston to the next theater in San Francisco in five days. He completed 34 years of driving prior to his retirement.

When not on the road, he enjoyed watching sports on television, mostly on the weekends, enjoying each season's sport. He watched this year's March Madness collegiate basketball tournament, and was pleased to see the University of Florida Gators become the champion. He was raised in the Methodist church, but more recently he would attend Portage Road General Baptist Church with his family. Even though he had visited all 48 contiguous

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Niles approves annual Renaissance Faire for May

By MAXWELL HARDEN
max.harden@leaderpub.com

NILES — Fans of kings, queens and knights will have a chance to celebrate next month.

The Niles City Council approved the request of Wolfshead Productions to hold the annual Niles Renaissance Faire on May 17 and 18 at Plym Park.

All ages are invited to join in the merriment and revelry through a variety of performances and vendors. Ongoing shows will feature comedy, Celtic and folk music, combat, magic, fairy tales and storytelling. Handcrafted items for sale will include jewelry, costumes, ceramics, wooden items and more. Food will be available for purchase. Games and other activities will be available for children. A raffle with prizes donated by faire vendors is a possibility.

The council also approved the request for a demolition waiver at 1221 S. 11th St., Niles.

The building owners demolished the east part of their building for additional parking and to accommodate excess traffic flow of their current tenant, Levels Provisioning of Niles. During the demolition, footings were discovered that extended continuously under majority of the remaining building.

As stated in the City of Niles Code of Ordinances Section 18-277 (3) "...All materials from foundations, walls, basements, floors and footings shall be removed from the parcel."

It was recommended by the contractor and architects/engineers that it is best to not disturb any of the continuous footings and wing walls that were formed with the footings.

The owners sought a request for waiver, per City of Niles Code of Ordinances Section 18-231, to pave over the existing slab and footings to keep the integrity of the soil while adding more parking.

In other business, council:

• Adopted a resolution to place a DART millage renewal on the November 4, 2025 General Election.

• Approved the City of Niles 2025 Public Participation Plan.

• Approved the purchase from Energy Products of Grand Rapids, Michigan for 28 batteries for use in the golf carts at Plym Park Golf Course at a cost of $5,035.32 to be charged to Plym Park Golf Course Other Equipment - Maintenance Account.

• Authorized payment in the amount of $18,229 to the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce for business, economic development and education services within the City of Niles and the Greater Niles area and charge the expense equally between the City's general fund and City's utility fund.

• Approved the quote of $1.224 per gallon for an approximate total cost of $12,240 to Great Lakes Chloride of Grand Haven, Michigan for the liquid calcium chloride application on approximately 5 miles of unpaved city streets and charged the expense to the General Fund.

• Approved the quote for Action Remote Monitoring and Management computer services in the amount of $6,323.21 from SHI of Somerset, New Jersey and charged the expense 40 percent to the Utilities Department and 60 percent to the General Fund Computer Equipment and Supplies budgets.

• Approved a confidential quote in the amount of $7,011.90 for computer security services from the reseller SHI of Somerset, New Jersey, charge the expense 40 percent to the Utilities Department and 60 percent to the General Fund Computer Equipment and Supplies budgets.

• Adopted a resolution authorizing DART staff to apply for and execute grants from the FTA for Dial-A-Ride.

Niles man gets probation for Martin's theft, drug charges

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

NILES – A Niles man was given probation for theft and drug charges in a sentencing Monday in Berrien County Trial Court at the Niles courthouse.

Witt

Michael Witt, 58, of Niles, pleaded guilty to second degree retail fraud and second offense use of methamphetamine and was sentenced on the meth charge to two years probation, 120 days in jail with credit for 74 days served, completion of the Twin County Probation program and $658 in fines and costs.

Witt can serve the remainder of the jail term at Twin County. He was also given credit for time served, 74 days, and $125 in fines and costs on the retail fraud charge.

The incident occurred Jan. 31 at the Martin's Supermarket store in Niles.

Witt argued unsuccessfully to be able to do a different treatment program rather than Twin County. He said he had completed a program at Sacred Heart in Berrien Township previously and he wanted to go back there.

Witt said he does not do well in large group therapy sessions and feared that would be what he would have at Twin County rather than the small group sessions he was involved in at Sacred Heart. He called it "punishment" to have to go to Twin County.

Berrien County Trial Court Judge Gordon Hosbein disagreed. "I understand where you're coming from but rehabilitation by definition is not punishment," he said. "How do you know you will not like Twin County? Do you think you can try it and change your attitude?"

The probation officer in attendance at the sentencing said he has seen people successfully complete Twin County and is not familiar with Sacred Heart.

Judge Hosbein said he was concerned that while Witt considered his previous time at Sacred Heart to be a success to get him off opiates, he ended up starting to use meth after that experience. He said he will reconsider his decision if Twin County does not work out for Witt.

Three other area residents were given credit for time served for their sentences.

Layne Bosse, 57, of Chesterton, Ind., pleaded guilty to attempted fourth degree fleeing and eluding police and was sentenced to credit for three days served and $695 in fines and costs.

The incident occurred May 25, 2024 in Oronoko Township. Defense attorney Daniel French described the incident as a "slow motion police chase" after Bosse had a mental health emergency.

Jesse James Dick, 37, of Niles, pleaded guilty to attempted resiistin and obstructing police and driving with a suspended license and was sentenced to credit for four days served and $685 in fines and costs.

The incident occurred July 16, 2024 in Niles. He is also facing a probation violation charge from a Wisconsin conviction for fleeing and eluding police. Dick said he has run from police since he was a youth and has to learn to not do that.

Miller

Warner Elliott Miller, 18, of Granger, pleaded guilty to attempted carrying a concealed weapon and was sentenced to credit for two days served, $258 in fines and costs and forfeiture of his weapon.

The incident occurred Jan. 27 in Niles Township. French said Miller had never been in trouble before and said that the time he spent in jail had been a wake up call for him.

SMC

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I'm happy I went through the experience."

Criminal Justice involved individual competition around five scenarios, such as a 911 hang-up call, a misdemeanor arrest, a traffic stop for speeding, a victim impact statement and a mock job interview.

"I was a little nervous and anxious, but I felt prepared," Graciana said.

They have been training since September every Tuesday afternoon with Cass County Sheriff's Office deputies.

Ayshia said the scene her team processed included fingerprints, swabs, sketching, measurements and photos for blood splatter, logging who entered and left and a written report for a scenario that involved a body found floating in a river.

"The scene looked disheveled, and there was a fake tooth on the ground," Ayshia noted.

The wall outside Program Director Dr. Donald Ricker's office in the Foster W. Daugherty Building is shingled with 26 SkillsUSA plaques, including a three-year sweep in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

This was the first time since 2019 that SMC won the CSI competition.

SMC's momentum stalled in the first half of the 2020s due to the COVID-19 pandemic interruption, but it appears back on track.

"I'm happy and proud," said Ricker, a former detective who joined SMC in 2014. "They put in a lot of work since the first week of school."

Another proud moment for Ricker was encountering two former students with the MSP who served as judges for the traffic-stop scenario — 2017 medalist Joseph Seidler from St. Joseph and 2023 medalist Ryan Peterson from South Haven.

ROYALTY

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Honor Society, Environmental Club, Rotary Interact, Student Senate. She also competes on the school's competitive cheerleading team and is on the Youth Advisory Council Michigan Gateway Community Foundation.

Outside of school, Klug is also a member of Miss Michele & Co.'s Competitive Dance Team.

After she graduates from high school, Klug plans to attend Michigan State University where she will major in hospitality and business with the goal of working and performing at Walt Disney World.

Her uncle, Adam Smego, was crowned Mr. Blossomtime 2003 and another aunt, Kelley Delozier, was named Miss Eau Claire 1995 and Second Runner-Up Miss Blossomtime in 1995.

Aalfs is a senior at Buchanan High School. She is also a four-year varsity volleyball player and a two-time team captain who has received all-state, all-region and all-conference honors for her play on the court. Aalfs is currently doing an internship at Beacon Memorial Hospital – where she also volunteers – for the Allied Health Program and is involved in Health Occupations Students of America where she earned a gold medal at the HOSA Regional Leadership Conference to qualify for state.

Aalfs plans to attend a four-year university majoring in psychiatric nursing while playing collegiate volleyball.

Miss Blossomtime Pageant results:

Ava Starbuck (Bridgman) – Miss Blossomtime

Avery Valenti (St. Joseph; Miss Spirit) – First Runner-up

Malayna Klug (Eau Claire/Sodus) 2nd Runner-up

Chloe Aalfs (Buchanan) – Miss Congeniality

Niles' Iwaniuk named to Mr. Blossomtime Court

Mr. Niles 2025 Rowan Iwaniuk was named Mr. Blossomtime Second Runner-Up over the weekend. A senior at Niles High School, Iwaniuk is an active member of the Future Farmers of America and is the captain of his ice hockey team. He enjoys volunteering his time through many youth mentorship programs. After graduation, Rowan plans to attend Southwestern Michigan College before ultimately transferring to Michigan State to earn a degree in fire science and swine management.

Mr. Blossomtime results:

Ross Bettich (Stevensville) – Mr. Blossomtime

Breal Dorris (South Haven) – First runner-up

Rowan Iwaniuk (Niles) – Second Runner-up

Luke Laffey (Berrien Springs) – Mr. Nice Guy

CITY

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now with the infrastructure project, we have to keep our eyes on the prize."

He reported that the demolition of the old feed mill property should get underway soon and take four to six weeks to complete. The downtown infrastructure project is also continuing and regular updates are available on the city's website and social media. "We're trying to stay on top of things and tell people what's happening ahead of time," he said.

In action related to the $19.4 million downtown infrastructure project, city commissioners approved a resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds. City Manager Tony McGhee said the city will be issuing bonds to pay for part of the infrastructure project not covered by the U.S.D.A. loan package as well as emergency street paving work.

He said the city's intention is to borrow up to $2 million for 20 years to pay for the infrastructure and paving work. He said his goal is to negotiate an interest rate of 4.75 percent or better and to not have a pre-payment penalty. He will bring the final contract back to the commission.

In action, the commission approved a contract with Astrong Construction to replace the Tin Shop Theatre roof at a cost of $10,020. That work will be done in coming weeks, while work on the Common roof will be done in August.

McGhee asked commissioners to look over a draft of proposed amendments to the city's Downtown Development Authority ordinance in order to reconstitute the DDA as well as the accompanying tax increment financing authority.

The amended DDA ordinance is expected to be the subject of two public hearings later this month and in early May. Officials said the goal is to get everything in place in order to start capturing tax increment financing this year. Commissioners urged people to apply online or at city hall to be on the new DDA board.

OBITUARIES

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states, he still enjoyed traveling, and had gone on cruises to Alaska, Hawaii, and the Panama Canal.

On September 17, 2005 he married the former Patricia Ann (Mabry) Taylor at an outdoor ceremony in Pat's sister's backyard in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Pat became a truck driver herself, and shared driving with David until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Audrey Hirsch, and by a brother, Michael Hirsch.

Surviving family includes his wife, Pat; his daughters, Linda Hirsch of Saint Louis and Nancy Hirsch of Lawrence, Kansas; a brother, Tom (& Kay) Hirsch of Columbia, Missouri; several nieces and nephews; and Pat's children, Pamela Smith of Mishawaka, Indiana and Randy Taylor of Niles; grandchildren Jonah, Luke, and Eli Smith, Nichole Hesser, and Wyatt Taylor; and great-grandchildren, Redden and Barrett Taylor, Jack and Raelyn Hesser, and Olivia Rae Smith.

Full Military Honors for David Hirsch will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. (Central Time) on Monday, April 21, 2025 at the Valhalla Cemetery Garden Mausoleum, 7600 Saint Charles Rock Road in Saint Louis by the United States Air Force Honor Guard. Entombment will follow.

Arrangements are in progress at the Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, 615 East Main Street in Niles who will be transporting David's remains to Saint Louis and directing the service there. Online condolences may be left at:

www.halbritterwickens.com

Eighty-two years is a wonderful long life, and David used those years well; serving his country in the military, maintaining a career as a productive member of society, and enjoying sports and traveling. He believed in God, practicing his faith from the cab of his truck instead of a church building, and loved his wife, Pat.

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DRIVE

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doctors telling them she needs a bone marrow transplant.

"They told us we should look for a bone marrow donor," Hershberger said. "She has no siblings and her father and I are just 50 percent matches. Unless it's a perfect match, it's more likely her body will reject a bone marrow transplant."

They say their goal is to find a close enough match so the little girl's body won't reject the bone marrow transplant. If and when they find a match, they expect the procedure will be done at the C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor this summer. Little Kataleya will have to stay in the hospital for 100 days to make sure the transplant takes.

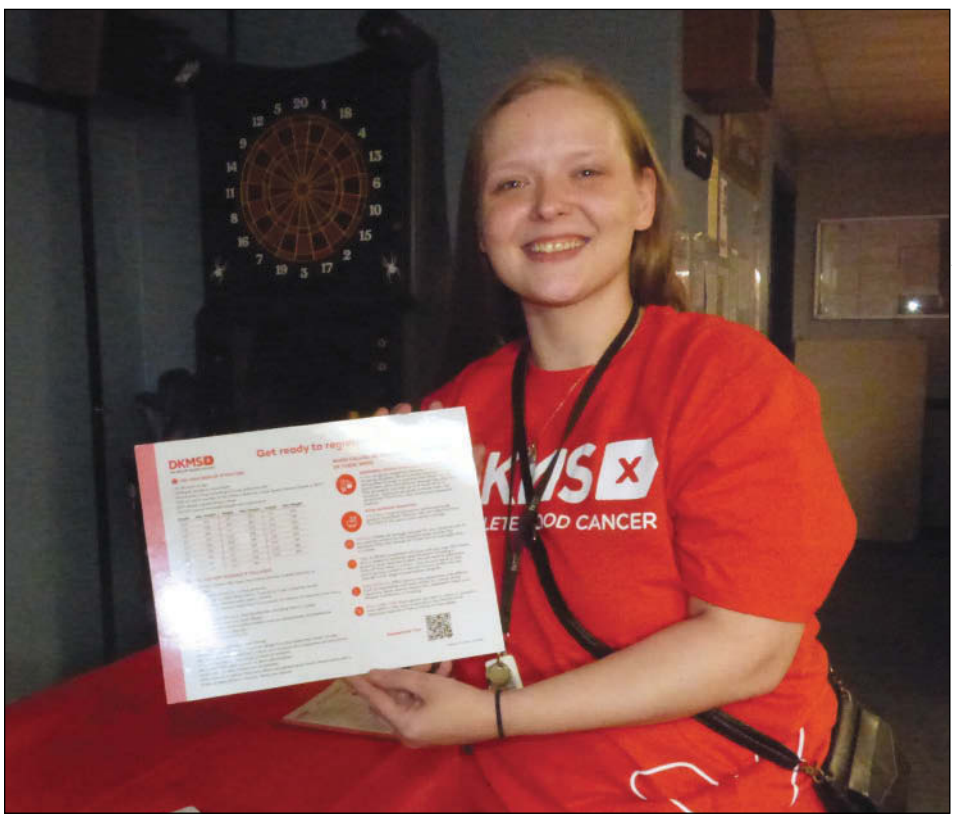
DKMS representative Ashley Brown was on hand for the drive and said that the organization was founded in 1991 in Germany and now has chapters throughout the world with over 12 million people registered and over 110,000 matches and stem cell donations made.

Brown said recruitment drives occur at least weekly at locations around the United States and people can also visit the www.dkms.org website where a special page has been created to sign up bone marrow donors for Kataleya. To register and donate, people have to be between age 18 and 55.

Her organization covers the costs associated with the bone marrow procedure for donors, including things like transportation and child care. She said people's biggest misconception is that they think it's a spinal tap when it's actually a one to two hour outpatient procedure taking the bone marrow out of the pelvic bone.

She likened finding a bone marrow match to finding a needle in a haystack but said it's always worth it to be tested. While four out of 10 matches are from family donors, six out of 10 are from unrelated people. "It's very rare to find someone to match a specific patient but you're increasing the chances for other patients when you register," she said.

The registry procedure itself included swabbing the inside of both cheeks for 60 seconds on each side as well as another 60 seconds around the teeth and gums. "We always say that it could be the best three minutes of someone else's life," Brown said.



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Tiffany Hershberger holds up information about the bone marrow drive.

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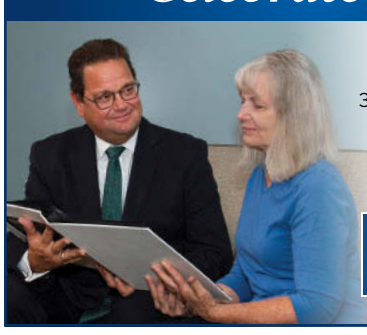

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CONCERNS

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The press release noted that the SMC Board of Trustees voted to appoint Brewer as the interim president on Feb. 6 "even as serious concerns persist regarding Brewer's qualifications and past allegations of domestic violence."

"This citizen group has significant apprehension about Mr. Brewer's leadership qualifications, character and integrity," the press release stated.

Concerns raised included the fact that Brewer does not hold a doctoral degree. "Dr. Odenwald and the two previous SMC presidents held doctoral degrees," the release stated. "His higher education experience is limited solely to his tenure at SMC, reducing the broadest perspective and expertise gained through leadership in multiple educational institutions."

The press release also noted published reports that Brewer was arrested and charged with Domestic Violence and Disorderly Person—Disturbing the Peace less than two years ago and that the domestic violence charge was dropped with Brewer pleading guilty to the lesser charge.

"Brewer's appointment will send a dangerous message to survivors—that their victimization does not matter," the release stated. "Citizens opposed to Brewer's appointment believe the Board of Trustees must conduct a national search to ensure the most qualified and reputable candidate is selected to lead the institution."

The Change.org petition can be accessed through this link. More than 140 people had signed the petition as of midday Friday.

Both Brewer and SMC Board Chairman Tom Jerdon released statements Thursday afternoon.

"The college is well aware of those past allegations," Jerdon said. "After further investigation, all of the initial domestic violence charges were dropped. The SMC Board of Trustees voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Brewer as interim president."

"Trustees had the opportunity to meet with Mr. and Mrs. Brewer and have full confidence in his ability to effectively lead SMC. As we said in February, the Board of Trustees will discuss and determine next steps for filling the president's position on a permanent basis in October."

Brewer thanked the college and the prosecutor's office for their handling of his personal situation.

"I'm incredibly grateful that both the prosecutor's office and the college conducted thorough reviews in the matter, allowing the truth to come out," he said. "That chapter is behind me, and I'm excited for this new role and the opportunity to lead this institution forward as interim president."

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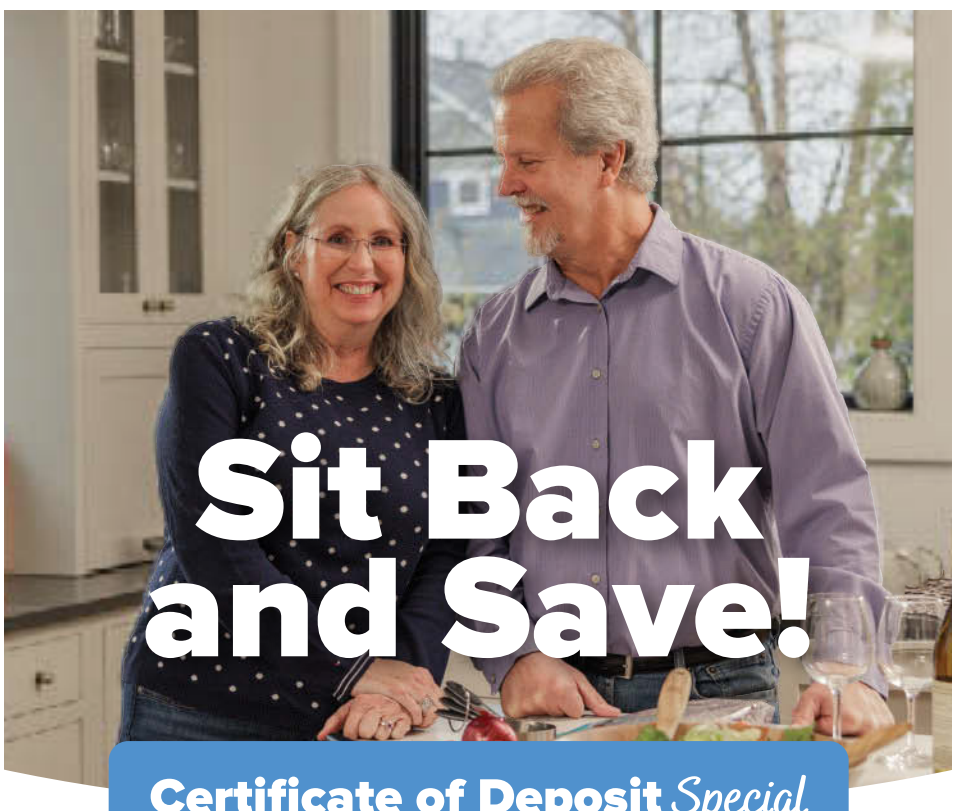

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BASKETBALL

Hood named Regional Coach of the Year

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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NILES — Brandywine girls basketball coach Josh Hood has been named the Region 5 Coach of the Year by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

Regional Coaches of the Year are determined by BCAM Member voting. State and Overall Coaches of the Year are selected by the Coach of the Year Chairman and Committee. Under Hood's leadership, the Bobcats earned a 22-0 regular-season record, a district and regional championship and a spot in the Division 3 state semifinals.

Hood's career record is 350-38 at Brandywine (17 years) and 475-98 overall (Coloma 2002-05, Cassopolis 2005-2009, Brandywine 2009-present).

2025 Girls Overall Coach of the Year

Kristy Zajac, Tecumseh

Girls State Coaches of The Year

D1 – Jason Wilkins,Belleville; D2 – Joe Jacobs, Frankenmuth; D3 – Charlie Kemppainen, Calumet; D4 – Nathan Goerge, Fowler

Regional Coaches of the Year

REGION 1 – Monique Brown, Detroit Edison PSA; REGION 2 – James Mehlberg, RH Lutheran Northwest; REGION 3 – Kristy Zajac, Tecumseh; REGION 4 – ArShawn Parker, Concord; **REGION 5 – Josh Hood, Brandywine;** REGION 6 – Peter Zerfas, Fremont; REGION 7 – Brad Wilson, Rockford; REGION 8 – Nathan Goerge, Fowler; REGION 9 – Jason Wilkins, Belleville; REGION 10 – Matt Joseph, Sterling Hts Henry Ford II; REGION 11 – Jason Gray, Goodrich; REGION 12 – Joe Jacobs, Frankenmuth; REGION 13 – Tanner Smith, Sanford Meridian; REGION 14 – Tim Reznich, Frankfort; REGION 15 – Jaclyn Besonen, Ewen-Trout Creek

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SOFTBALL

BEHNKE PICKS UP 400TH CAREER WIN IN CHIEFTAINS SWEEP

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Veteran Dowagiac coach Mike Behnke picked up his 400th and 401st career victories as the Chieftains beat Buchanan 10-0 and 15-6 in Lakeland Athletic Conference softball Wednesday.

SOCCER

Dowagiac girls soccer falls to Three Rivers 7-2

By SCOTT HASSINGER
Leader Publications Contributor

THREE RIVERS – With several young players in his starting lineup, Dowagiac girls' soccer coach Joey Pasternak knows there are going to be times when the Lady Chieftains are going to show some inconsistency on the field.

Monday's 7-2 non-conference loss by Dowagiac, now 3-3-1 overall, on the road in Three Rivers was one of those nights.

"At the beginning we came out strong, moving and swinging the ball and attacking as a team. As the match progressed we got away from doing that. We put our heads down and forced it through the middle, didn't get back defensively and weren't marking up. That left them wide open and I think they scored their first three goals off corner kicks," Pasternak said.

Junior midfielder Alivia Bell gave Dowagiac a 1-0 advantage at the 23:24 mark of the first half. Bell scored off a high chipshot into the back of the net. Sophomore midfielder Johannah McDonald was credited with the assist for the Lady Chieftains.

Jenna Balog's goal off a corner kick for Three Rivers at 20:44 evened the match up at 1-1.

Freshman forward Emerson Hershberger powered the ball into the back of the Dowagiac net about two minutes later at 18:42 and gave Three Rivers a 2-1 lead.

McDonald scored Dowagiac's next goal off an indirect kick with 11:18 left in the half, knotting the score up at 2-2. The Chieftains' goal was unassisted.

Tori Thorbjornsen scored

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Dowagiac sophomore Johannah McDonald (2) controls the ball as she moves the ball downfield towards the Three Rivers goal.

SOFTBALL

EDWARDSBURG SOFTBALL
EARNS HOME SPLIT AGAINST OTSEGO

By SCOTT HASSINGER
Leader Publications Contributor

EDWARDSBURG – Despite having one of the younger rosters, Edwardsburg second-year softball coach Todd Tighe expects his ballclub to be in the Wolverine Conference title conversation this Spring.

Edwardsburg showed they are capable of holding their own Tuesday by earning a home doubleheader split with league favorite Otsego, winning the opener 4-1 before dropping the nightcap 9-3.

Tighe was impressed with the Lady Eddies' performance in the first game against Otsego's senior pitching ace and Western Michigan University signee Audrey Lingbeck.

Edwardsburg, now 5-1 in the league and 7-3 overall, grabbed a quick 2-0 lead over Otsego after one inning.

Sophomore third baseman Ella Zache reached first on a throwing error and went to second on the overthrow, stole third before scoring on a sacrifice bunt by teammate Kourtney Zarycki. Lani Hardin scored the Eddies' second run when she raced home on Mia Castelluchi's fielder's choice.

Zarycki tripled with two outs in the third and scored after she stole home to increase Edwardsburg's lead to 3-0.

Otsego put its lone marker up on the board in the fourth. Lingbeck doubled and scored on a fielder's choice and throwing error at second base to reduce the Bulldogs' deficit to 3-1.

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Edwardsburg third baseman Ella Zache (5) tags out Otsego baserunner Audrey Lingbeck (10) in a run down between third and home plate.

Edwardsburg added its final run in the sixth. Zarycki singled, stole second and scored on Hardin's groundout boosting the Eddies' lead to 4-1.

"For us to get some big hits in that first game against Otsego's No. 1 pitcher was big. Kourtney is a returning first-team all-conference player for us and she's going to Glen Oaks Community College to play. She's been a big-time hitter in crucial moments for us so far this season," said Tighe, whose daughter Caitlin, a former Eddies' standout, is now the starting shortstop at Western Michigan.

"It was a cold and windy night so we had to manufacture alot of runs early. We did a lot of bunting and delayed stealing which got us some early runs. Unfortunately we got down early in that second game and couldn't really play that type of game. We have lots of speed and high IQ players and it worked out for us in the first game today."

Tori Pulling chalked up the win for Edwardsburg inside the circle. Pulling tossed a complete game, allowing just three hits and four walks while posting 11 strikeouts.

"Tori was lights out on the mound in that first game for us. Not many people know much about her now but they will be the end of the year. We have one of the better pitching staffs in the conference this season and she's a big part of it," Tighe said.

Zarycki collected a single and triple and Hardin and Castelluchi added singles for Edwardsburg's hits in the opener.

Lingbeck went the distance

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Kenzie Flanery (2) from Edwardsburg gets ready to deliver a pitch to the plate in the second game.

BASKETBALL

Local teams earn academic all-state

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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NILES — The postseason accolades continue to roll in for our area girls basketball teams.

Edwardsburg, Dowagiac Brandywine and Cassopolis have been awarded first-team academic all-state in Division 2 and Division 3, respectively from the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

To earn the academic honor, a team must have a GPA of 3.3 or higher to be all-state, while those squads with a GPA of 3.0 to 3.2999 are named honorable mention. The team GPA consists of every player on the varsity squad that played at least 10 regular-season games and on the team for the state tournament.

The Edwardsburg girls basketball team finished with a weighted team GPA of 3.6338 and Dowagiac with 3.5242. The Brandywine girls basketball team earned a 3.8626 team GPA and Cassopolis had a GPA of 3.3370.

Team First Award

The Team First Award is given to one member per varsity team who is chosen by their BCAM Member Coach. This team member is the person that most exemplifies putting the team before self, teamwork, commitment, service and sacrifice.

Brandywine: Miley Young
Edwardsburg: Mya Eberlein

Outstanding Senior Student Athlete

Recipients must be high school seniors, played basketball all four years of high school, and have a cumulative GPA above 3.8.

Brandywine: Adelyn Drotoz – 4.0; Adeline Gill – 3.8889; Niyah Mason – 3.9796; Ireland Prenkert – 4.0; Lexi Troup – 4.0
Buchanan: Cam Carlson – 4.0
Edwardsburg: Madelyn Pobuda – 4.0

SPRING SPORTS SCORES

BASEBALL

April 11
Edwardsburg 7, Niles 6 (12)
April 12
Coldwater 7, Brandywine 5
Niles 14, Dowagiac 2
Niles 15, Cassopolis 0
Edwardsburg 13, Portage Central 10 (9)
Edwardsburg 7, Kalamazoo Christian 6 (6)
Portage Central 7, Buchanan 5
Kalamazoo Christian 8, Buchanan 4 (6)
April 14
Buchanan 9, River Valley 0
Cassopolis 25-17, Lawrence 1-2
April 15
Edwardsburg 4-6, Otsego 3-5
April 16
Buchanan 5-12, Dowagiac 3-7

SOFTBALL

April 11
Dowagiac 6-11, South Haven 1-9
Edwardsburg 8-8, Niles 4-2
April 12
Leslie 9, Cassopolis 8
Berrien Springs 3, Cassopolis 2 (8)
Dowagiac 15, Watervliet 0
Niles 12, Berrien Springs 0 (5)
Niles 8, Leslie 1
April 14
South Haven 3-0, Brandywine 1-12
April 15
Edwardsburg 4-3, Otsego 1-9
April 16
Dowagiac 10-15, Buchanan 0-6

GIRLS SOCCER

April 12
Dowagiac 4, Niles 3
Our Lady of the Lake 3, Niles 1
Our Lady of the Lake 4, Dowagiac 2
April 14
Three Rivers 7, Dowagiac 2
April 15
Buchanan 4, Edwardsburg 2
April 16
Dowagiac 3, Berrien Springs 0
Buchanan 2, Brandywine 1
Plainwell 5, Edwardsburg 0
Three Rivers 2, Niles 2

BOYS GOLF

Edwardsburg Jamboree
1. Otsego (171)
2. Edwardsburg (173)
3. Vicksburg (187)
4. Plainwell (188)
5. Niles (203)
6. Three Rivers (205)
7. Paw Paw (207)
8. Sturgis (210)

GIRLS TENNIS

April 14
Wolverine Conference match
Edwardsburg 8, Three Rivers 0
Vicksburg 5, Paw Paw 3
Sturgis 8, Plainwell 0
Otsego 8, Niles 0

BASKETBALL

ND's Citron drafted No. 3 overall by Mystics

COMMUNITY REPORT

NEW YORK — Sonia Citron is headed to Washington.

On Monday, the former Notre Dame guard was selected No. 3 overall by the Washington Mystics at the 2025 WNBA Draft in Manhattan. Citron is the 21st WNBA Draft selection in Notre Dame history and the 11th to be chosen in the opening round.

"I'm really really excited," Citron said following being drafted. "I think it's an amazing opportunity, and it's somewhere I can try to make an impact and learn from the amazing players who are already there."

Citron's name is a mainstay in the Notre Dame record books, as she is the only player in program history to record 1700 points, 700 rebounds and 300 assists. She recorded 1774 points (11th), made 173 triples (eighth) and finished with a lifetime free throw percentage of 84.3 (fifth). She set the program record in the latter category last season with a mark of 91.2.

Additionally, Citron was a three-time All-ACC Selection, earned All-America Honorable Mention status in both 2023 and 2025, was a 2025 Cheryl Miller Award finalist, and was the 2022 ACC Rookie of the Year. She also helped lead Notre Dame to an ACC Tournament title in 2024 and regular season titles in both 2023 and 2025.

Citron joins a Mystics team in the midst of rebuilding, providing the 6-1 wing with the opportunity to make an instant impact. The team from the nation's capital also drafted USC's Kiki Iriafen and Kentucky's Georgia Amoore in the first round as well. Citron is the second player in Notre Dame history drafted by the Mystics, joining Natalie Novosel in 2012 (No. 8 overall).

While Citron is headed to the East Coast, Maddy Westbeld is staying regional.

On Monday, the former Notre Dame forward was selected by the Chicago Sky with the No. 16 overall pick in the 2025 WNBA Draft. She is the 23rd WNBA Draft selection in Notre Dame history and joins Sonia Citron in this draft class, as the wing went No. 3 overall to the Washington Mystics.

Westbeld scored 1,710 points in a Notre Dame uniform, which ranks 13th in program history. She also notched 940 rebounds (seventh in program history), 145 blocks (eighth in program history), and is tied for third in program history with 138 starts in an Irish uniform.

The 6-3 forward is a three-time All-ACC selection and was the 2021 ACC Rookie of the Year. She also helped lead Notre Dame to an ACC Tournament title in 2024 and regular season titles in both 2023 and 2025.

A third Irish player joined the WNBA ranks on Monday.

Former Notre Dame forward Liatu King was selected with the No. 3 pick in the third round, going No. 28 overall in the 2025 WNBA Draft to the Los Angeles Sparks. King is the 23rd WNBA Draft selection in Notre Dame history. She joins Sonia Citron and Maddy Westbeld in this draft class, as the wing went No. 3 overall to the Washington Mystics and the forward went No. 16 overall to the Chicago Sky.

King made an immeasurable impact on the program despite just one season in South Bend. A native of Washington, D.C., King broke the single-season rebounding record with 10.4 per game, a mark previously held by Jessica Shepard. She also notched 342 boards on the year, good for fourth in program history.

A native of Washington, D.C., King finished her collegiate career with 1,549 points and 1,172 rebounds. Over her career, she averaged 11.1 points and 8.4 boards every time she took the court.

SPLIT

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and was charged with the loss allowing four hits with 10 strikeouts for Otsego.

Otsego broke a scorless tie in the nightcap by scoring five runs in the third. Lingbeck scored on a passed ball, Addy Lucas and Alycia Farrell both had two-run singles to highlight the Bulldogs' half of the frame.

Zarycki's two-run homerun over the centerfield fence in the sixth also plated Zache and sliced Edwardsburg's deficit to three runs, 5-2.

Otsego, however, added four runs in the seventh. The Bulldogs' Cassie Holland, Maddi Dendel and Lingbeck all singled to load the bases. Holland scored on Lucas' RBI single, Sydnee Mosher laced a two-run single to score Dendel and Lingbeck while Farrell's RBI single plated Lucas.

Edwardsburg got its final run in the bottom of the seventh. Brynn Young walked, stole second, went to third on a passed ball and scored on Julia Seifer's fielder's choice.

Kenidie Flanery started for Edwardsburg and suffered the loss allowing five runs, five hits with three walks and two strikeouts. Flanery was relieved by Seifer with one out in the third. Seifer finished up, yielding four runs, seven hits, no walks with five strikeouts.

"Kenidie held them in check a couple of innings before getting behind on some of her counts. Julia came in and really shut them down by moving the ball around," Tighe said.

Holland started and recorded the win for Otsego giving up four hits, two runs with two walks and six strikeouts. Lingbeck finished up, allowing one run, one walk and one strikeout.

Zarycki singled and homered for the Lady Eddies, while Seifer added a single and Zache doubled.

"We are a fairly young team this season. We start four sophomores and three juniors in our lineup," Tighe said.

The Eddies' sophomores include Zache, Kendal Hulett, Young and Gracie Reid, while the juniors are Pulling and Makayla Heflin, another pitcher, who is currently out with an injury.

"It's just the beginning of the season and I expect this team to grow throughout the year. We came together as team and listed our goals once we started practice. Our first goal is to have fun, but this group wants to be the first team from Edwardsburg to win a regional championship along with league and districts as well," Tighe said. "We just need to grow, remain focused and learn what we are trying to do from a base-running perspective."

Edwardsburg will also rely heavily on its four seniors that include Zarycki, Castelluchi, Hardin, the team's starting catcher, and Seifer.

Hardin is hitting close to .700 while Kendal, the Lady Eddies' starting centerfielder, is batting over .650 with four home runs.

"Lani is a four-year starter with a strong arm who will play at Lake Michigan College," Tighe said.

Edwardsburg completes a busy week with a game at Elkhart, Ind. Concord on Thursday, doubleheader at Berrien Springs on Friday and travel to Lake Central, Ind. for a Saturday tournament.

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back-to-back goals for Three Rivers at 8:26 and 7:21 for a 4-2 advantage. Her second goal came off a penalty kick.

Emma Sanchez completed the first-half scoring for Three Rivers with a goal at the 3:50 mark that put the Lady Cats up 5-2 at the break.

Natalie McGahan scored both second-half goals for Three Rivers at 30:05 and 21:48.

McGahan was also credited with four assists on the night, Thorbjornsen racked up two and Savannah Morrill added one for the Lady Cats, now 3-2-1 overall.

Three Rivers recorded 16 shots on goal to nine Dowagiac attempts.

Dowagiac sophomore goal keeper Chloe Friske registered nine saves.

"Chole faced a lot of shots tonight, but I thought she played one of her better games of the season," Pasternak said.

The Lady Chieftains had two corner kicks on the night to six for Three Rivers.

Three Rivers goal keeper Rebekah Beachey finished with seven saves.

Despite the loss, Pasternak continues to be encouraged by what he sees taking place within the program.

"We are still adjusting to the pace of the game. We are a young team getting used to playing against seniors. I know we are capable of good things which we've shown already in our earlier matches. They key is finding that consistency for a full 80 minutes as a team. Three Rivers is a good team that made us pay for every mistake we made. We just have to return to practice and work on speeding up our game and moving together better," Pasternak said.

As far as the remainder of the season goes, Pasternak says Dowagiac will rely heavily on every member of its 16-player roster. The Chieftains also field a 12-member junior varsity squad.

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Rylie O'Konski (17) from Dowagiac fights Paige McDonald (4) from Three Rivers for possession of the ball.

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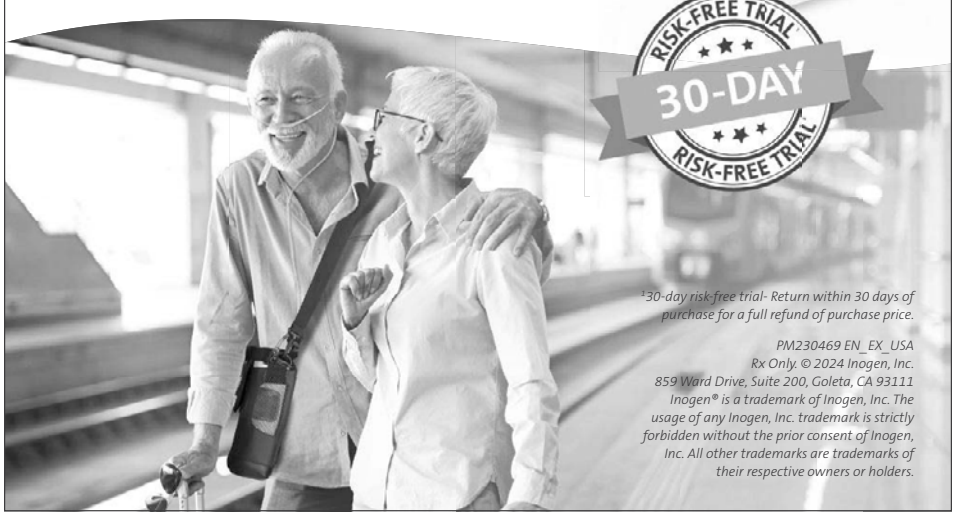

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TO: MARC JENSWOLD
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Howard Charter Township Cass County, Michigan

NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

TO: RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF HOWARD CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Planning Commission of Howard Charter Township, Cass County, Michigan will be held during a regular meeting of the Planning Commission on May 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Office, 1345 Barron Lake Road, Niles, Michigan for the consideration of zoning ordinance text amendments to Zoning Ordinance #192, Chapter 3 Section 3.02 Definitions; Chapter 4 Section 4.03 Special Land Uses; Chapter 18 Section 18.02 Specific Standards for Special Land Use Approval, to summarize, accomplish the following:
1. Amendment to Section 3.02; Dwelling, Multiple Family: A building designed for and occupied by three (3 or more families living independently with separate housekeeping, cooking, sleeping purposes, and bathroom facilities for each. Multiple family dwelling units include the following but exclude hotel and motel – A. Apartment: An apartment is an attached dwelling unit with shared walls, contained in a building with other apartment units which are commonly reached off a common stair landing or walkway. Apartments are typically rented by the occupants. Apartment buildings often have a central heating system and other central utility connections and common yard space. B. Studio/Efficiency Unit: Studio/efficiency unit is a type of apartment unit consisting of one (1) principal room, plus bathroom and kitchen facilities, hallways, closets and/or a dining alcove located directly off the principal room. Dwelling, One Family or Single Family: A building containing not more than one dwelling unit designed for residential use by one family. Dwelling, Two Family or Duplex: A building, designed exclusively to be occupied by two (2) families living independently of each other with separate housekeeping, cooking, and bathroom facilities for each.
2. Amendment to Section 4.03: add R. Multiple Family Dwelling
3. Amendment to Section 18.02: T. Two Family Dwelling and Multiple Family Dwelling; 1. Multiple Family Dwellings shall be located on a parcel of at least five (5) acres or more. 2. Two Family Dwellings shall be located on a parcel of at least one (1) acre or more. 3. A minimum of fifteen percent (15%) common usable open space shall be provided on site which shall not include parking areas, driveways or required setbacks. 4. Driveway shall be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from adjacent property lines. 5. There shall be only one (1) Two Family Dwelling or Multiple Family Dwelling structure per parcel. 6. Subject to residential development standards applicable to the zoning district in which it is located.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that you are invited to attend the hearing and to present your opinions or position relative to the subject of this hearing. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may send a letter stating your opinions or position to the Howard Charter Township Office, 1345 Barron Lake Road, Niles, MI 49120, Attention: Zoning Administrator.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the application describing the action or relief being sought and Township Zoning Ordinance #192 is available for public inspection, at the Township Office on regular business days during regular business hours.
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Published: 4/19/2025
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HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE

BERTRAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP COUNTY OF BERRIEN, STATE OF MICHIGAN RESOLUTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 PA 110, MCL 125.3101 et seq. ("MZEA"), the Township has authority to adopt and amend zoning ordinances regulating the use of land in the Township; and
WHEREAS, the Township proposed amendments to CHAPTER 11, SPECIAL LAND USE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS. I. Earth removal, quarrying, gravel processing, mining and/or related mineral extraction business to be replaced with Mineral Mining Operation, and
WHEREAS, the Township Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 6, 2025, to consider the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and has recommended approval of the Ordinance to the Township Board; and
WHEREAS, on March 11, 2025, the Berrien County Planning Commission reviewed and approved the Ordinance; and
WHEREAS, the Township Board has reviewed and wishes to adopt the Ordinance as recommended by the Township Planning Commission; and
WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined that adoption of the Ordinance is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Township Board declares the following:
1. An Ordinance to Amend the Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby adopted.
2. The Ordinance shall be filed

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS OF
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CASE NO. U-21841

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- A pre-hearing will be held:

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 9:30 AM

BEFORE: Administrative Law Judge Lesley C. Fairrow

LOCATION: Video/Teleconference

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The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a pre-hearing to consider Indiana Michigan Power Company's (I&M) April 8, 2025 application requesting the Commission to: 1) approve I&M to commence a Demand Response (DR) Reconciliation proceeding for the calendar year period beginning January 1, 2023, and ended December 31, 2024; 2) approve the costs, as presented in I&M's DR reconciliation filing, as reasonably and prudently incurred; 3) approve deferred regulatory accounting treatment of the actual revenue requirement for DR Program Operation & Maintenance expenses incurred in 2023 and 2024 compared to authorized DR budgets, plus proposed earned financial incentives, resulting in the creation of a regulatory liability of $1,157,037, plus carrying costs, which will be reflected in I&M's next general rate case as a regulatory asset; 4) approve the Residential Home AC DLC Program (focusing on Income Qualified and certain other disadvantaged customer); 5) approve changes to the Small Business DLC Thermostat Program and Residential Smart Thermostat Program; 6) approve modifications to the demand response tariffs, Rider Home Energy Management Rider (HEM) and Rider Work Energy Management Rider (WEM); and 7) grant I&M such other and additional relief as the Commission
may deem reasonable and appropriate.

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's E-Dockets website at: https://mi-psc.my.site.com/s/. Requirements and instructions for filing can be found in the User Manual on the E-Dockets help page. Documents may also be submitted, in PDF format, as an attachment to an email sent to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 284-8090 or by email at: mpscedockets@michigan.gov.

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with the Township Clerk.
3. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice of adoption of the Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within 15 days after adoption.
4. Any and all resolutions that are in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed but only to the extent to give this Resolution full force and effect.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Township Board declares the following: All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
Motion was made __Payton_and seconded by Kring_to adopt the foregoing Resolution.
Upon roll call vote the following voted "Aye":
Hicks, Kring, Loving, Payton, White, Zelmer
The following voted "Nay": Kuhn
The following were absent: None
The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution was duly adopted.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Bertrand Charter Township Board held on April 10, 2025; that the meeting was conducted and public notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act; that a quorum of the Board was present and voted in favor of the resolution; and that the minutes of the meeting will be or have been made available as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Polly White, Clerk
Date: April 10, 2025
Bertrand Charter Township
Berrien County, Michigan

Niles Daily Star:
Apr. 19, 2025
RESOLUTION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Economy Storage, 2206 Yankee Street, Niles, MI 49120. Auction Saturday April 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Unit #	Name
10	Charmin Kelly
27	Ron Webb
56	Nathan Thomas
116	Melissa Kaeding
119	Kyle Tracey
145/467/468	Michael Merritt
148	Gloster Johnson
183	Cindy Fisher
184/66	Mary Anderson
205	Nancy Bombrys
240	Teyshawn Wallace
278	Chelsie Carlyle
284	Kathleen Peterson
304	Dave Foster
331	Valerie Outlaw
342	Terrence Moss
346	DaMonica Williams
368	Erin Weed
379	Bobbie Helms
386	Shannon Lego
389	Parnell Jenkins
418	Melissa Hocker
427/428	McCade Reese
438	Adrianna Affriso
451	Jean Fitch
459	Jethrow Kyles
486	Leigh Anne Norris
495/498	Dave Foster
528	Ron Haynes
530	Justin Landis
541	Nicole Hurt
557	Michelle Richter
576	Joseph Auing
577	Stephanie Pellow
605	Michael Lewark
608	Robert Conner
628/499	Altavious Stone
661/665	Rodney Prescott
677/567	Julie Potate

Niles U-Stor-It, 1314 E. Main Street, Niles, MI 49120. Auction Saturday April 26, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

3	Bruce Walls
25	John Harrington
35	Tyler Cameron
49	Miranda Wendzel
54	Cynthia Swisher
57	Nathan Haynes

J & J Storage, 2220 S. 13th Street and 2627 S. 11th Street, Niles, MI 49120. Auction Saturday April 26, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

36	Dean Dill
97	Blake King
126A	John Daniels
146A	David Pointer
170A	Mellisa Visel
189A	Erica Cutter
102	Erin Linley
133	Nick Loper
178	Alvin Pettie
227	Jennifer Nichols
238/466	James Diss
250	Robert Clayton/Jessica Vissik
263	Tamara Holmes
292	The Woodshed Crafts
325/336	William Cole Jr.
355	Carson Bowlin
373	Rhonda Sue Outlaw
426	James Schilling Jr.
449	Roberta Hibbard
452	Aaron Smith
454	Mary Ann Sipe

Niles Daily Star:
Apr. 12 and 19, 2025
STORAGE AUCTION

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
OF BERRIEN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S ESTATE
CASE NO 2025-0253-DE-J
AND JUDGE HON. PAUL S. JANCHA
COURT ADDRESS 811 PORT STREET, FLOOR 4. ST. JOSEPH, MI 49085
269-983-7111**

Estate of Edward Martin Gutschenritter, Deceased

TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent, Edward Martin Gutschenritter died on February 12, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Stephen M. Gutschenritter, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 811 Port Street, Floor 4, St. Joseph, MI 49085 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

April 19, 2025

Stephen M. Gutschennitter
142 Walnut Street Frankfort, IL 60432 815-954-7064

James J. Mollison, P17884, 4 South Lincoln Avenue, Niles, MI 49120, 269-684-7600

Niles Daily Star:
Apr. 19, 2025
EST/GUTSCHENRITTER, E.

LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
BERRIEN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S ESTATE
CASE NO. AND JUDGE
2025-0235-DE-R**

Court address 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 Court telephone no. 269-983-7111

Estate of Elizabeth Marian Wood
Date of birth: 06/10/1966
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Elizabeth Marian Wood, died 03/07/2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Heather Jones, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

04/14/2025

Heather Jones
209 W. 2nd Ave. N
Aurora, MN 55705

Peter W. Smith, P22999
423 Sycamore,
Suite 102, P.O. Box 67
Niles, MI 49120, 269-683-3300

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS OF
INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. U-21428

- Indiana Michigan Power Company requests Michigan Public Service Commission's approval for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan (Case No. U-21427) for the 12 months ended December 31, 2024.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write Indiana Michigan Power Company, Benton Harbor Service Center, 2425 Meadowbrook Rd., Benton Harbor, MI 49022, (800) 311-6424, for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the documents at the offices of Indiana Michigan Power Company or on the Commission's website at: https://mi-psc.my.site.com/s/.
- A pre-hearing will be held:

DATE/TIME: Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM

BEFORE: Administrative Law Judge Sally L. Wallace

LOCATION: Video/Teleconference

PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may participate. Persons needing any assistance to participate or who are seeking access to the video/teleconference should contact the Administrative Law Judge's secretary at (517) 284-8130 or by email at LARA-MOAHR-PSC@michigan.gov in advance of the hearing.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a pre-hearing to consider Indiana Michigan Power Company's March 31, 2025 application requesting the Commission to: 1) approve the reconciliation of I&M's Power Supply Cost Recovery (PSCR) plan for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2024; 2) authorize I&M to roll-in the net actual power supply cost under-recovery from customers consisting of principal and interest of $11,431,687; 3) find I&M's power supply costs, revenues, and interest for January through December 2024, to be reasonable and prudently incurred.; and 4) grant I&M such other and additional relief as the Commission may deem necessary, suitable, or appropriate.

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The Utility Consumer Representation Fund has been created for the purpose of aiding in the representation of residential utility customers in various Commission proceedings. Contact the Chairperson, Utility Consumer Participation Board, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, P.O. Box 30004, Lansing, Michigan 48909, for more information.

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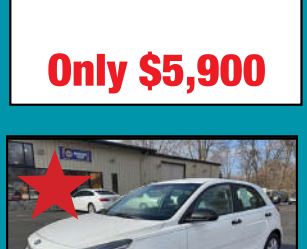

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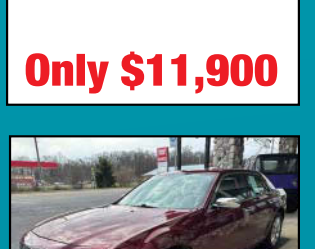

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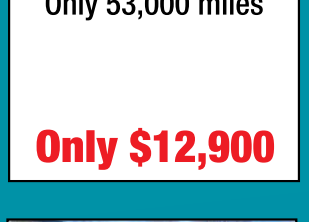

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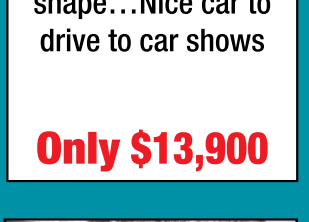

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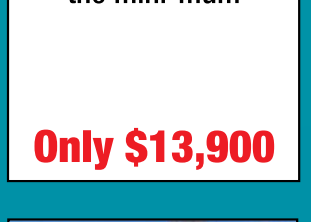

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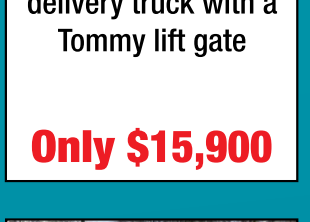

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